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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language

_____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

- a. type of material

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a sequence listing

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table(s) related to the sequence listing

- b. format of material

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in written format

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in computer readable form

- c. time of filing/furnishing

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contained in the international application as filed.

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3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-6</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims _____	YES
	Claims <u>1-6</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-6</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP 2000-154803 A
Document 2: JP 2000-161302 A
Document 3: JP 2-146279 A
Document 4: JP 7-208344 A

The feature relating to a "first torque control means" and "second torque control means" set forth in claim 1 is disclosed in document 1 cited in the international search report as a feature relating to torque reduction control (the feature relating to control in procedure 110A and procedure 122A in the flowchart of fig. 9).

Meanwhile, as is evident from the "third torque control means" set forth in claim 1, control wherein "pump torque is gradually increased according to a predetermined rate of torque increase over time" does not involve an inventive step for the following reasons.

(1) Torque control by a "third torque control means" is no different in terms of wording from the matter which is described as a feature wherein pump torque is gradually increased according to a predetermined rate of torque increase over time from continuous torque control (control in procedure 140A in the flowchart in fig. 9) to

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increasing torque control (control in procedure 162 in the flowchart in fig. 9) set forth in document 1 (paragraphs [0077] and [0085]).

(2) Torque control such as the "third torque control means" is disclosed in document 2 (paragraphs [0038], [0043]; fig. 5 and 6) cited in the international search report, and it would be easy for a person skilled in the art to employ said torque control set forth in document 2 in the continuous torque control and increasing torque control set forth in document 1.

(3) Document 3 cited in the international search report indicates that torque control is carried out using a "speed sensing control means" such as that set forth in claim 5 of this application, and it would be easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of employing said torque control set forth in document 3 to the continuous torque control and increasing torque control set forth in document 1.

Document 4 (paragraph [0009]) indicates that torque control is corrected according to the "boost pressure", as set forth in claim 6 of this application.